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DWR Supports Millerton Lake Event for Disabled Children

SACRAMENTO – For the fourth consecutive year, Department of Water Resources (DWR) employees will contribute their time, effort, and enthusiasm to C.A.S.T. (Catch a Special Thrill for Kids) at the Millerton Lake Recreation Area near Fresno on Saturday, September 25 2004.

The day of “catch and release” fishing and other activities for disabled children is hosted by the Bureau of Reclamation’s South-Central California Area Office and the national C.A.S.T. for Kids Foundation.

Activities will begin with a 5-7 a.m. pancake breakfast sponsored by the Kiwanis Club of Old Town Clovis. The 55 pre-registered children will be given hats, T-shirts, and fishing gear as they leave for their three-hour lake excursion. After fishing, the youngsters will be treated to a barbecue lunch and an awards ceremony.

DWR San Joaquin District Chief Paula Landis will once again serve as a boat captain while other Department employees help with some of the approximately 20 interactive activities that teach children about outdoor safety, water resources, fisheries, and plants and animals.

A number of Fresno/Clovis area businesses, service clubs, and other agencies and associations will donate their time, educational items, equipment, and other resources.

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